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REMARKS

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CB - converted boxcar
 B - boxcar
 F - flatcar
 SSy - heavy-duty flatcar
 RRym - heavy-duty flatcar

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1. Troop trains [redacted] between 15 February and 3 March 1954 included:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
15 February	8 CB, 10 F	Parchim	Neubukow
17 February	12 CB, 2 B, 36 F, 8 CB, 3 B, 38 F	Neuruppin "	Thyrow "
19 February	1 C/B, 5 F	Kroepelin	Damgarten
21 February	3 CB, 12 F 1 CB, 6 F	" "	Parchim Neubrandenburg
	6 CB, 2 B, 15 F	Neubukow	Ellerholz
25 February	11 CB, 9 B, 46 F	"	Tangermuende
	11 CB, 9 B, 24 F	Doberan	Kuestrin-Kietz
	10 CB, 6 B, 36 F	Kroepelin	"

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
26 February	12 CB, 5 B, 36 F	Neubukow	Chemnitz
	14 CB, 4 B, 41 F	Kroepelin	Halle railroad district
27 February	6 CB, 2 B, 18 F	"	Fuerstenwalde
28 February	10 CB, 4 B, 45 F	"	undetermined
	9 CB, 2 B, 45 F	Doberan	"
	6 CB, 2 B, 53 F	Neubukow	"
2 March	9 CB, 8 B, 43 F	"	"
3 March	7 CB, 6 B, 47 F	"	"

2. The following troop trains were observed passing through the Tangerhuetten railroad station between 18 February and 4 March:

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18 February	9 B, 43 F	Dresden-Neustadt	Kroepelin
21 February	undetermined	Wolmirstedt	Zerbst
23 February	"	direction of Stendal	Dessau
27 February	"	"	Rueckmarsdorf
	undetermined with eight medium AAA guns and trucks	Altengrabow	Doeberitz
28 February	undetermined with 18 medium mortars	Altengrabow	Doeberitz
	undetermined with six AT guns and trucks	Altengrabow	Doeberitz
4 March	undetermined with eight medium AAA guns and trucks	Magdeburg	toward Stendal

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3. [] troop trains []
between 17 and 28 February:

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Date in February	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To	
17	42 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Jueterbog	
18	40 B and F	Schwepnitz	Borna	5
	42 F and F	Finsterwalde	Kroepelin	2
19	42 F and F	Genthin	Frankfurt/ Oder	
21	38 B and F; shipment- record No 85598	Schwepnitz	"	
22	38 B and F	Koenigsbrueck	Halle	6
23	32 B and F	"	Weimar	6
24	42 B and F	Roederau	Schlieben	7
	46 B and F	Riesa	"	
	42 B	Frankfurt/Oder	Altengrabow	
25	32 B and F	Leisnig	Koenigsbrueck	5
	38 B and F	Schwepnitz	Neuburxdorf	
	42 B and F	Koenigsbrueck	"	7
	6 B and 40 F	Altengrabow	Frankfurt/Oder	
26	25 B and F	Schwepnitz	Neuburxdorf	7
	40 B and F	Leipzig	Frankfurt/Oder	
27	36 B and F	Weissenfels	Schwepnitz	6
	30 B and F	Borna	"	5
28	28 B and F	Schwepnitz	Borna	5

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4. Troop trains passing through the Stralsund railroad station on 28 February and during the night of 28 February included:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
28 February	undetermined	Neubrandenburg	Damgarten
night of 28 February	8 CB, 2 B, 26 F, 13 RRym	Rostock	Binz
	10 CB, 26 F, 11 RRym	"	"

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
	10 CB, 21 F, 18 RRym	Rostock	Binz

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5. On 8 March, a troop train of 11 CB, 6 B, 39 F, [redacted] The train went from Neustrelitz to Luckenwalde.¹⁰

6. [redacted] troop trains [redacted] on 6 and 9 March:

Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6	14 B, 25 F	Neustrelitz	Jueterbog
	10 B, 21 F	Bernau	"
9	15 B, 34 F	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde
	17 B, 30 F	"	"
	12 CB, 40 F	Altengrabow	Wildpark

7. On and after 8 March, two empty trains of 50 flatcars each had to be dispatched daily by the Berlin railroad district headquarters to the Riesa and Bautzen railroad subdistricts and the Erfurt railroad district.

8. Troop trains [redacted] between 8 and 12 March included: 25X1

Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
8	11 CB, 6 B, 19 F	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde
9	12 CB, 1 B, 40 F	Magdeburg railroad district	Wildpark
11	10 CB, 4 B, 28 F	Jueterbog-Altes Lager	Bernau
	9 CB, 1 B, 32 F	"	"
	5 CB, 20 F, 11 SSY	Jueterbog	Wittenberg
	5 CB, 18 F, 9 SSY	"	"
	10 CB, 20 F, 12 SSY	"	"
	4 CB, 2 B, 16 F	Netzeband	Oranienburg
	9 CB, 3 B, 29 F	Magdeburg-Brueckfeld	Rheinsberg

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Date in March	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
12	16 CB, 3 B, 23 F	Haldensleben	Eberswalde
	9 CB, 27 F	Gransee	Bernau
	11 CB, 2 B, 39 F	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz
	9 CB, 6 B, 46 F	"	"

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9. [redacted] the following troop trains were to be dispatched on 14 March:

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Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
9 CB, 2 B, 34 F	Velten	Neustrelitz
8 CB, 4 B, 28 F	Kuestrin	Cottbus railroad district
8 CB, 2 B, 39 F	"	"
6 CB, 3 B, 17 F	Dallgow	Neustrelitz

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1. [redacted] Comment. The two troop trains probably carried light AAA units of the 12th Gds Tank Div to the Jueterbog area for firing practice. Thyrow is located north of Luckenwalde. On 21 February 1954, a troop-train [redacted] returned from Forst Zinna to Neuruppin.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Troop trains operated in connection with AAA firing practices at Wustrow [redacted]

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The troop train on 4 March 1954 reported in paragraph 2 probably carried a component of the 3rd Gds AAA Div, while the troop train from Finsterwalde on 18 February 1954 reported in paragraph 3 probably hauled an air force AAA unit to Wustrow.

3. Comment. Components of the 7th Gds Tank Div moved to Letzling Heath for combat firing practice in early February and mid-February 1954, including a tank unit from Zerbst which went to Letzling Heath on 15 February and probably returned to its home station on 21 February 1954. 25X1

4. Comment. 25X1

As, prior to 28 February 1954, no shipments of components of the 34th Arty Div from Potsdam to Altengrabow were observed, the above information is believed to be wrong. As contingents of the 1st Mezz Div which moved to Altengrabow on 24 and 25 February returned from Altengrabow on 28 February 1954, the information of the present report, indicating that the trains went to Doberitz, is believed to be correct.

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5. [] Comment. These troop trains carried components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds or vice versa. 25X1

6. [] Comment. After termination of combat firing practices, probably AAA units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div returned to Halle, and contingents of the 13th AAA Div to Weimar. On 22 February 1954, pertinent loadings were observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station. [] On 27 February 1954, probably elements of the 932nd AAA Bn [] of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Weissenfels moved to Koenigsbrueck for combat firing practice. 25X1

7. [] Comment. The Schlieben railroad station is located on the Falkenberg-Uckro line, and the Neuburxdorf railroad station on the Roedersau-Falkenberg line north of the Zeithain troop training grounds. Although it is possible, that the troop trains on 24 and 25 February 1954 belong to the same movement, no definite conclusions can be drawn. The trains to Schlieben probably carried units of the 9th Tank Div, while components of the 11th Gds Tank Div or army troops of the First Gds Mecz Army were hauled to Neuburxdorf. 25X1

8. [] Comment. The train probably belonged to the air force and went from Trollenhagen airfield to Puetnitz airfield. 25X1

[] Comment. On 23 February 1954, the bulk of the 4th AT Arty Brig went by road from the Prora area to the Wustrow AAA Range. [] During the night of 28 February 1954, the same contingents probably returned from Wustrow and Rostock to their home stations. See also [] Comment 2. 25X1

10. [] Comment. [] 25X1

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12. [] Comment. The troop train to Potsdam on 9 March 1954 probably carried a component of the 34th Arty Div [] which, on 28 February 1954, moved to Altengrabow []

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14. [] Comment. The troop train on 11 March 1954 probably carried tank contingents of the 6th Gds Tank Div which, on 7 March 1954, probably went from Wittenberg to Jueterbog on four troop trains for combat firing practice. [] 25X1

15. [] Comment. The two troop trains carried a component of the 25th Tank Div to Oranienburg, and a component of the 6th Gds Mecz Div to Pernaue respectively. The troops returned to their home stations after termination of a field exercise which, on 6 March 1953, started in the area south of Mueritz Lake and proceeded toward south to the Neuruppin area. [] 25X1

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16. [] Comment. The troop train to Rheinsberg possibly carried a signal unit of the Third Shock Army which, at noon on 11 March 1954, was en-
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[] Field exercises by contingents of the IX
Mtz Rifle Corps possibly started in the Schweinrich troop training grounds
area on and after 12 March 1954.

17. [] Comment. The troop train to Eberswalde probably carried a tank unit
of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, on 5 March 1954, moved from Eberswalde to
Haldensleben

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18. [] Comment. Rail movements from Velten and Dallgow to Neustrelitz were
observed between 1 and 7 March 1954.

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19. [] Comment. Kuestrin as dispatching station indicates that probably
components of the 32nd AAA Div [] moved to Jueterbog or possibly Koenigs-
brueck for combat firing practice.

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